

In the Specification:

At page 1, add the following new paragraph before the first paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a national phase application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 *et seq.* based on international application number PCT/GB00/02623, filed July 7, 2000, which claims priority to GB 9916214.1 and US 60/142,907 both filed on July 9, 1999, and GB 9916315.6 and US 60/142,953 both filed on July 12, 1999.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 21, 25 – 26, 28 – 31, 37 – 40, 42, 45, 48 – 52 without waiver or prejudice.

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

A1 24. Process according to claim 22 in which the cells are cultured in the presence of the inhibitor.

Please amend claim 27 as follows:

A2 27. Process according to claim 22 wherein the inhibitor is (i) 3-(3-hydroxy-1-propyl)amino-1-propanesulfonic acid; (ii) DL-2-amino-5-phosphovaleric acid; (iii) 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline; (iv) cyclohexylsulfamic acid; (v) O-phospho-L-serine; (vi) hexafluoroglutaric acid; (vii) 8-methoxyquinoline-5-sulfonic acid; (viii) 4-phenyl-1-(3'-sulfopropyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine; (ix) 3-amino-2-hydroxy-1-propanesulfonic acid; or (x) 3-dimethylamino-1-propanesulfonic acid; or a salt thereof.

Please amend claim 32 as follows:

A3 32. A culture medium or a culture medium pre-mix which comprises an inhibitor or compound as defined in claim 27.

Please amend claim 35 as follows:

35. *Ex vivo* cells prepared by a process according to claim 22.

[Please amend claim 36 as follows:]

A4 36. *Ex vivo* cells according to claim 35 wherein said cells are in a preparation that comprises an inhibitor or compound selected from (i) 3-(3-hydroxy-1-propyl)amino-1-propanesulfonic acid; (ii) DL-2-amino-5-phosphovaleric acid; (iii) 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline; (iv) cyclohexylsulfamic acid; (v) O-phospho-L-serine; (vi) hexafluoroglutaric acid; (vii) 8-methoxyquinoline-5-sulfonic acid; (viii) 4-phenyl-1-(3'-sulfopropyl)-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine; (ix) 3-amino-2-hydroxy-1-propanesulfonic acid; or (x) 3-dimethylamino-1-propanesulfonic acid; or a salt thereof.